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For : ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 30, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 30, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 30, 2002 Office Action was due May 30, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the April 30, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a two month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time, a response to the April 30, 2002 Office Action is due July 30, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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